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## **CLAIMS**

A device which comprises an enclosure of a plastics material, having an opening at an end thereof with fastening means to enable the opening to be closed around a limb or stump with an affected part contained within the enclosure, and including a fluid-absorbent material within the enclosure.

- 2. A device according to claim 1, wherein the enclosure is gas-impermeable.
- 3. A device according to claim 1, wherein the enclosure is of a multi-layer plastics construction including a gas-impermeable layer.
- 4. A device according to claim 3, wherein the construction includes an odour-10 absorbent layer.
  - 5. A device according to any of claims 2 to 4, wherein the enclosure includes means to vent gases through its wall.
  - 6. A device according to claim 6, wherein the venting means is in association with an active filter.
- 7. A device according to any preceding claim, wherein the enclosure is water vapour-permeable.
  - 8. A device according to any preceding claim, which is in the general shape of a sock or boot.
  - A device according to claim 8, which additionally comprises a non-slip sole.
- 20 10. A device according to any preceding claim, for use in therapy.

